

(Extended Maths Objectives **highlighted**)

Time for this unit: 7 to 8 weeks (5 lessons per week. 50 mins/lesson)

Weeks	Topic: Functions	General Aims By the end of this unit students should be able to:	Specific VSA Learning Objectives By the end of this unit students should know/be able to:	Main Resource(s)
1 to 8	<b>Part 1 Quadratics &amp; Cubics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Comfortably solve quadratic equations</li> <li>➤ Understand that different methods of solving equation have their own merits</li> <li>➤ <b>Build on knowledge of quadratics in order to appreciate higher order polynomials</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Factorise quadratic expressions</li> <li>➤ Solve quadratic equations of the form <math>ax^2 + bx + c = 0</math> by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Factorisation</li> <li>- Graphical Methods</li> <li>- <b>Completing the square</b></li> <li>- The Formula</li> </ul>               (*Note – it may be necessary to manipulate a given equation to fit this form)             </li> <li>➤ Solve “real-life” problems described by quadratic equations</li> <li>➤ Appreciate the effect of the discriminant in determining if a quadratic has real roots</li> <li>➤ Understand that parabolas have a line of symmetry <math>x = -b/2a</math></li> <li>➤ <b>Use the completing the square method to locate vertices of parabolas</b></li> <li>➤ Understand that some of the methods above can also be used to solve higher order polynomials</li> <li>➤ <b>Factorise the sum and difference of two cubes</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Understand the general features of a cubic graph, and link this to information about the roots of a cubic</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Solve factorisable cubics using algebraic long division</b></li> </ul>	New Trend Mathematics 4B (Ch2, Ch4, <b>Ch6</b> )  New Trend Mathematics (Teachers CD + DVD)
	<b>Part 2 Transforming Functions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Understand how to transform a shape according to given instructions</li> <li>➤ Understand how to transform a curve algebraically</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reflect a shape in a (horizontal or vertical) line</li> <li>➤ <b>Reflect a shape in multiple lines</b></li> <li>➤ Appreciate the concept of line symmetry</li> <li>➤ Rotate a shape about any point using angle and centre of rotation (and find centres of rotation)</li> <li>➤ Appreciate the concept of rotational symmetry</li> <li>➤ Translate a shape with the vector <math>\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}</math></li> <li>➤ Be able to tessellate a shape</li> <li>➤ Stretch a shape horizontally or vertically</li> <li>➤ Enlarge a shape by a given scale factor about a given centre of enlargement (and find centres of enlargement)</li> <li>➤ Understand that the following represent transformations of the graph of <math>y = f(x)</math> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <math>y = f(x+a)</math></li> <li>* <math>y = f(ax)</math></li> <li>* <math>y = f(x) + a</math></li> <li>* <math>y = f(-x)</math></li> <li>* <math>y = af(x)</math></li> <li>* <math>y = -f(x)</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Support Resources</b>  Various worksheets  Mathletics

	Guiding Question	Main Areas of Interaction Focus	Learner Profile
	<b>How do we use mathematics to create elegant and useful artifacts?</b>	<b>Human Ingenuity</b> – From furniture to ornamental gardens to company logos, the world of design leans heavily on mathematical shapes – especially transformed ones, arranged into symmetric patterns. How does this all work, mathematically?	<b>Inquirers</b> – Students look for quadratic functions in the real world <b>Communicators</b> – it's one thing saying that a design looks mathematical, it's another being able to describe, in technical language, what those mathematical features are.
		<b>Technology</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Solving polynomials with a GDC</li> <li>➤ Curve-fitting with Geogebra</li> </ul>	Bench Design (Criteria A, C, D) Design a Logo (Criteria A and C)
		<b>Embedded Enquiry</b>	<b>Cross-curricular Links</b>
		Activity: Using interactive technology (in Geogebra) to see effects of parameters on shapes of curves. Using sliders.	Parabolas in physics (eg parabolic mirrors, projectiles), engineering (eg tunnels). The Assessment also (informally) links to the Design Cycle.
	<b>ATL</b>	<b>Information Literacy:</b> Use various programmes to organize, present and analyse data. <b>Problem-solving &amp; Thinking Skills:</b> The student independently constructs a number of plans to tackle a problem, and identifies the most suitable plan.	